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We help look after Services Cemeteries. We're also able to contribute towards plaques and headstones.  
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We use a number of tools and processes to make decisions. This helps ensure each decision we make is fair and treats our clients consistently.  
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## Funeral Expenses

Funeral Expenses is a one-off financial contribution.

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Who can get this

### Death related to service or Qualifying Service

You can apply for funeral costs if:

- they had qualifying operational service, or
- their death was service-related.

## **Death not related to service or Qualifying Service**

We may help with funeral costs if you're eligible for at least one of these:

[Surviving Spouse or Partner Pension](#)

[Dependant's Pension](#)

[Children's Pension](#)

[Survivor's Grant](#)

[Weekly Compensation for Family](#)

The veteran must also have been getting a specific payment from us at the time of their death.

They must have been getting at least one of these:

[Veteran's Pension](#)

[Weekly Compensation](#)

[Weekly Income Compensation](#)

[NZ Superannuation\(external link\)](#)

[Supported Living Payment from Work and Income\(external link\)](#)

What you can get

## **Costs of funeral, burial and cremation**

Standard costs we can help with are for funeral, burial and cremation.

## **Costs of transporting body**

We may help with costs of taking the body to the place of interment if death was from Qualifying Service, and in a:

- public hospital, or
- private hospital.

The amount we can cover may depend on the total distance travelled for this.

## **If you get other support**

If another government agency, such as ACC, NZDF or Work and Income has made a funeral grant, you can still apply to us. We'll take into account their grant in deciding what to pay.

## **Payment rates**

[Funeral Expenses payment rates](#)

How to apply

1. Complete the Funeral Expenses application form.
2. Send the application form and any supporting information to us.

[Download the Funeral Expenses application form \[PDF, 914 KB\]](#)

What happens next

After you apply we'll:

1. contact you to confirm we've received your application
2. start the decision-making process

3. inform you in writing once a decision has been made.

If we need more information, we'll get in touch with you.

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Find out more

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We strive to be transparent. If you want to know how this entitlement is administered you can read the internal policy.

[Funeral Expenses policy \[PDF, 561 KB\]](#)

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